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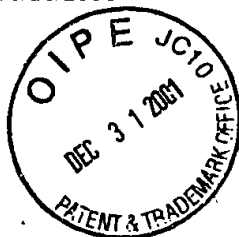


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NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) **FIG: 5E, 5F** described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

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III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (*i.e.*, the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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FILING DATE: June 28, 2001 EXAMINER:
INVENTION: "LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING SAME"

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEMS AND PETITION

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S I R:

In response to the Notice of Omitted Items mailed August 20, 2001, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to accord this application the filing date of 6/28/01. The original application papers filed on 6/28/01 contained the allegedly omitted Figures 5E and 5F as well as references thereto in the specification. The Figures were merely mislabeled due to a typographical error. Attached is a marked-up copy of the original sheet of drawings with such figures. Unfortunately, due to a typographical error, the figures were labeled 5C and 5D, even though other figures were also so labeled. Attached is a copy of the return receipt postcard on which the USPTO acknowledges receipt of the entire specification and all of the figures.

Simultaneously submitted with this petition is Preliminary Amendment in which the labeling of the two figures is corrected. Further new formal drawings are submitted. These substitute formal drawings consist of one (1) sheet for Figures 5A-5I. In the Preliminary Amendment and in this substitute sheet of formal drawings, the duplicate labels 5C and 5D have been corrected to 5E and 5F. No new matter has been added.

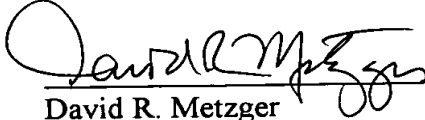
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A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)) is enclosed. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

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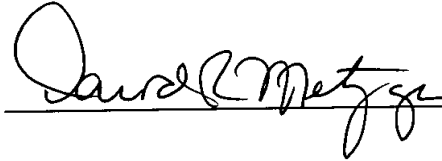
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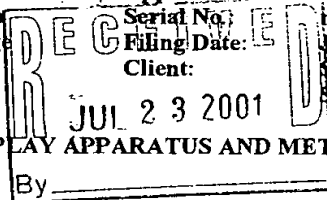


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1. Certificate of Express Mail (1 page)
2. Transmittal (1 pages - in duplicate)
3. Declaration and POA - executed (5 pages)
4. Specification (33 pages); 13 Claims (4 pages); Drawings (20 pages - Figs. 1-32) Abstract
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7. Letter 37 CFR 1.41(c)
8. Certified Copy of Priority Document - P2000-197622
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